



To: Chairman Mel Sheldon, Tulalip Tribes

From: Troy McClelland, CEO, Economic Alliance, Snohomish County

Date: October 4, 2013

Re: Comment Letter from Tribes in Support of Transportation Package / 116th St Overpass

Dear Chairman Sheldon,

We received your letter dated September 20th, 2013 regarding the Tulalip Tribes' support for a comprehensive transportation package currently being considered by the Washington State Legislature.

Your letter also calls for funding to complete the 116th St overpass that connects the Quil Ceda Village jobs center to I-5 and the rest of the County.

Economic Alliance is in full support of the Tulalip Tribes' request, and we agree that the 116th St Overpass is an essential project for the region that will maintain and increase the economic vitality of the County, as well as help to attract new businesses to the area, including the Tulalip Reservation, Quil Ceda Village, and surrounding communities. In that regard, the project is listed on the North Puget Sound Manufacturing Corridor transportation package that points to this immediate funding need.

The recent Senate Transportation Committee listening tour, established to hear from local officials and community members about their support for a transportation funding package, allowed for public comments. EASC will forward your letter immediately to the appropriate party so that it will be included in the submitted public comments.

Thank you and please let us know how we can further assist and partner in our shared efforts to pass a transportation funding package and grow our local economy.

Sincerely,

Troy McClelland
President and CEO